Highlights of ABOR Meeting: ASU Operational and Financial Review; student mental health discussion; NAU head football coach contract

Tempe, Ariz. – Following are news briefs from the Arizona Board of Regents meeting Feb. 7-8 at Arizona State University. Full board materials are available here.

Arizona State University's 2018-19 Operational and Financial Review

Arizona State University continues to progress toward 2025 metrics defined in ABOR's strategic plan, including key metric categories for enrollment, degree attainment and research. In most categories, ASU exceeded targets for the year.

Arizona State University President Michael Crow presented a <u>comprehensive review of the university's operations and finances</u> to the board, updating regents on the progress and results achieved at ASU during the past year.

In addition to presenting ASU's progress, President Crow outlined key higher education needs in Arizona, including the need to increase educational attainment in the state. Arizona lags most other states in the number of people with education past high school, and Arizona's education rates are unevenly distributed by ethnicity. Job losses in the future are much more likely among those with a high school degree or less, while individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher are less likely to suffer job losses due to automation, Crow said.

Every year, ABOR conducts a thorough review of each university. Operational and financial reviews enhance accountability and transparency in university planning and performance; assess year-over-year progress; identify current and future university priorities as well as emerging (-)Tj- f80j- f80j- f80j6.2 (w)255 (i)-R

"Arizona State University is truly among the best public universities in the world, recognized as a giant in innovation as well as the high-quality degrees it offers," said ABOR Chair Ron Shoopman. "President Crow's determination, vision and creativity have led to transformational growth for the university, excellence in rankings and new collaborations that are reshaping the landscape of access to higher education. We are proud that he continues to lead ASU."

Student mental health update